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WILL THEY JUMP THE GUN? . . . Pictured above is that unpredictable Louis Zamperini on an old familiar mark with lovely Cynthia Applewhite, his fiancée, at his side. Pete Zamperini is seen ready to start the pair on their long matrimonial road. The couple recently announced their engagement and plans for an early fall wedding at Miss Applewhite's home in Miami, Fla. However, they obtained a marriage license in Los Angeles Monday. Will they jump the gun? (Torrance Herald photo.)

ENTRIES IN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION CLOSE JUNE 3, COMMITTEE RULES

Torrance organizations which will participate in the first annual Fourth of July Jubilee being staged July 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 as a veterans "Welcome Home" program have until June 3 to decide on their participation in the event.

This was the decision of members of the general committee and executive committee of the general committee of the Torrance Area Projects, Inc. held in the City Hall on Tuesday afternoon.

Reports were given from many organizations, and it was decided that a meeting be held on June 3 at 7:30 p. m. in the City Hall to wind up all preliminary details regarding the gigantic affair.

Several organizations were tentatively assigned various tasks in connection with the big celebration, which will be free to all Torrance veterans who register at the Jubilee headquarters. Others decided that they would leave their choice open to near the closing date to give other organizations time to decide upon their activity.

An intensive advertising campaign is being launched at once by Torrance Area Projects, to embrace the newspapers, radio and placard fields. Street banners will be ordered, and the community will be decorated in a manner in keeping with the celebration.

Huge tents for the industrial and commercial expositions have been engaged, in addition to extra seats for Torrance ball park, where the third annual Torrance Rodeo will be held, and the Torrance airport, where the mammoth air circus and exposition will be conducted.

A fireworks display which has met the requirements of all ordinances has been arranged for, it was said, and the parade program is moving to a point where many organizations already are planning their floats.

The various general events being planned for the day are printed below, and organizations wishing to have any part of them are asked to contact Torrance Area Projects, Inc., 1822nd St., Torrance, Calif. (Continued on Page 5-A)

COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL HERE WILL EMPLOY 500; DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED

Five hundred persons will be employed at the 480-bed Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital in Torrance when it gets into full operation in June or July.

This was announced by J. E. Smits, formerly assistant director of the General Hospital in Los Angeles, who has been named director of the General Hospital in Torrance.

County Hiring Hospital Help In Torrance

All personnel required to staff the Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital, formerly the Army hospital, will be filled through the local United States Employment Service office, K. E. Bradley, manager, announced today.

Sufficient personnel to staff a five-hundred-bed hospital is needed immediately and it is the desire of the hospital to place residents of Torrance and immediate vicinity to the fullest extent.

All positions needed to equip a hospital staff are open and these will be under Civil Service of Los Angeles County. These jobs will vary from clerical, skilled, doctors, technicians, nurses, maintenance attendants and kitchen help.

For further information regarding these job openings, kindly contact the local United States Employment Service office, 1828 Cravens avenue, Torrance.

In ceremonies participated in by Chairman William A. Smith, of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the hospital was handed over by the United States Army to the county last Friday at 10 a. m.

First patients will arrive in the Torrance county general hospital about June 1, and the hospital will be in full operation about July 1.

It will provide emergency service for the harbor district in addition to relieving overcrowded conditions at the General Hospital in Los Angeles.

Also it will cut the patient's travel time, in that residents of this area eligible for County General Hospital care will be able to receive care here instead of in Los Angeles.

According to Arthur Will, superintendent of county charities under whose jurisdiction the hospital operate, approximately 25 percent of the 500 employees of the county hospital here will be professional. Many will live in the hospital quarters.

Handing the keys of the hospital over to Board Chairman Smith was William Spear, representing the district engineer of the United States Engineers Department, under whose jurisdiction the hospital was placed after it was abandoned by the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation on March 31. Also present were W. F. Boylen, chief of

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HOSPITAL DIRECTOR . . . Director of the Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital at Torrance is J. E. Smits, above, former assistant director of the General Hospital in Los Angeles. He assumed control of the former Army hospital here Monday. (Torrance Herald photo.)

Home Contract In City Totals \$1,750,000

Contract for construction of 206 homes on the Kettler estate tract at Cabrillo ave. and Sepulveda Blvd. has been awarded to Thomas and Byer Construction Co., 610 Chamber of Commerce bldg., Los Angeles. It was announced this week.

The homes, all of three bedrooms, will represent a total investment of \$1,750,000, it was reported. Each house will have a two-car garage, and construction will start as soon as engineering details are completed with the city, it was said.

Torrance To Get Deed To All Of Airport, McCall Says On Return To City

Realty Board Explains Stand On Improvements

Torrance-Lomita Realty Board did not intend to appear to be acting in a manner adverse to progress when it made a recent protest to the City Council regarding expenditure of city funds for streets, walks and utilities on a tract near Crenshaw Blvd. and Dominguez St.

"The Torrance-Lomita Realty Board is in favor of any and all housing projects, and feels that they should be given every encouragement," B. C. Buxton, president, said. "But we feel that where public money is being spent for the benefit of any tract, or group of lots, it should be charged to that tract or to the owners of that group of lots through a special assessment district."

"There is no group in the city more interested in having more homes, than the realty board, and we are willing to extend every effort to see that more homes are built in Torrance."

"However, we do not favor the taxpayers being required to spend money in one little plot of the city, unless the taxpayers are prepared to rep. like aid to every plot, tract or subdivision which requests such aid."

Torrance Municipal Airport will come into being before June 1, City Attorney John E. McCall declared yesterday upon his return from a series of conferences in Washington, D. C., and the city will have a deed to the entire 480 acres of the Army's flight strip on 101 highway.

Torrance Herald, Public Offices Closed Thursday

Next Thursday being Memorial day, the Torrance Herald will be printed at the usual time, with deadlines remaining the same, but distribution will be made on Friday instead of Thursday.

Memorial day being a National holiday, the Torrance Herald office will be closed all day Thursday, May 30.

Banks, the City Hall and other public offices and most stores likewise will close in honor of the men and women who have given their lives in defense of our nation.

USE OF NEW DATA ON POPULATION FOR GAS TAX ASKED

On motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting approved the recommendation of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities Gas Tax Committee, to the effect that the 3/8 cent gas tax money to be divided among the cities of the county be divided on a census basis as established by the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission as of date nearest to July 1st, 1946.

"We have the airport," was the assuring news brought back by McCall.

He said that the Public Roads Administration had agreed to follow the recommendations of the National Aeronautical Association regarding disposition of the 89.4 acres involved in the flight strip itself, which the City of Torrance received a 30-day revocable permit to use recently and which was refused. The National Aeronautical Association's recommendations already have been written and they are that the 89.4 acres be turned over to the War Assets Administration, which already has ownership of the remaining 400-odd acres, and that the WAA deed the whole airport to the City of Torrance in keeping with the NAA's plan of public airport development.

The War Assets Administration has agreed wholeheartedly to the plan, and City Attorney McCall was told that as soon as the deed is written, he will be contacted that revisions may be made in the deed to suit the desires of the City of Torrance.

"No other agency has an application in for this airport," City Attorney McCall said. "Torrance will have a deed to the entire 480 acres of the Army's flight strip on 101 highway."

Permit For Midget Auto Race Track Near City Granted

According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting authorized the granting of an M-3 permit to Wm. A. Dehler to establish, operate and maintain a midget auto race track and sports stadium on the west side of Vermont avenue north of 182nd street in the Gardena District.

The Board placed as conditions thereon that adequate off street parking facilities be furnished which are properly surfaced and graded to provide adequate drainage and prevent dust; and that a septic tank of adequate capacity and proper design be installed with one or more seepage pits of sufficient size and depth to provide adequate leaching of the effluent from the septic tank.

Torrance Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau

TEMPERATURE		
Month	Maxi- mum	Mini- mum
May	65	51
15	65	51
16	65	51
17	66	48
18	63	55
19	67	55
20	64	62
21	69	66
Storm Total (Year)		
		5.39

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Torrance Herald will print all letters, duly signed or whose authors are identified to the satisfaction of the editors, providing no libelous material is contained in the letters. All correspondence should be held to within 300 words to assure publication. Each letter will be assigned a subject which will be given equal opportunity of expression through the columns of the Torrance Herald. Letters regarding religious or racial controversies will not be accepted.

Editor Torrance Herald:

I believe it is your duty and obligation as the editor of the only newspaper published in Torrance especially for Torrance people, to fairly portray to that community both sides of any controversial subject.

For the past fifteen to twenty years "you" have striven to keep our town in unrest as far as our fine schools are concerned. In the past "you" and/or "you", I mean those people and/or committees who thru the years have hid with you behind the anonymity of your newspaper, those who have helped spread the propaganda of old teachers, poor curriculum, too much paid in taxes for what we receive, etc. etc. "You" have been twice defeated at the polls on the issue, "you" have been defeated in the Legislature, where the Bill you sponsored was so very unfair that it could not even get out of the education committee and yet you continue this insidious campaign of disunity in our fine town by trying to foster a so-called "charter" movement.

Your propaganda of poor teachers etc has been proven false and the fallacy of "tax inequities" could be cleared up also if you would print the truth about that matter.

Why don't you tell the people of Torrance thru your paper that "Industry" (big Corporations) pays 87% of Torrance taxes which leaves only 13% of the Torrance tax bill for all the other thousands of taxpayers to pay? (Veterans pay practically no tax). Now, Mr. Editor, why don't you continue to simply explain that less than 35% of the employees in these industries (big corporations) within Torrance are residents of Torrance (in fact our largest taxpaying Corporations has less than 5% of its employees living here.) The employees have a right to expect that their children receive the benefit of the school tax said corporations pay, no matter which part of the school district the employees live, whether it be Gardena, Lomita, San Pedro, Huntington Park, Bell, Culver City, Eagle Rock, Los Angeles and/or Torrance.

Why don't you tell the people that if a charter is written to form a new school district, it must include the entire corporate limits of the now sixth class city of Torrance (Hollywood Riviera, North Torrance, South Torrance and Walteria).

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Editor's Note—With apology to its readers but in keeping with its policy of granting space in its columns to all sides of a controversy, the Torrance Herald publishes the letter in an adjoining column which attacks the stand of this newspaper and the citizens of Torrance who are seeking to bring about local control of our schools.

(In fairness to our readers, we wish to correct several impressions which Mrs. Garner has left in her long document which we understand, made the rounds of anti-Torrance school groups before it was brought to the office of the Torrance Herald.

(If citizens make up their minds that they are going to accomplish a certain thing for the good of their community, they will continue the fight until it is accomplished.

(Yes, Mrs. Garner, for 15 or 20 years we have been striving to withdraw the schools of Torrance from the Los Angeles school system and give the people of Torrance the right to provide public education of the finest type for their children.

(The effort, some years ago, twice was defeated when thrown in with other controversial subjects in a City Charter; defeated with the money and effort of the politically powerful Los Angeles city schools.

(You say that we were "defeated" in the Legislature. Yes, Mrs. Garner, J. Hugh Sherkey, now mayor of Torrance, Mrs. John Beeman and Mrs. C. H. Carr appeared "for" the education committee hearing on a bill introduced by Vincent Thomas, assemblyman, which would give the people of a Sixth Class City a right to vote to own and maintain their own schools. We were "defeated" there, Mrs. Garner, by the strong Los Angeles schools' block on the education committee and Los Angeles schools' witnesses who refused to give Mayor Sherkey a chance to state the case of Torrance to the committee. Such "legislative" activity is no more in keeping with democracy and democratic government than is the effort of the Los Angeles schools, and their education committee, to your effort, Mrs. Garner, to attempt to keep the people of

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Local High School To Present H.M.S. Pinafore Tomorrow Night

"H. M. S. Pinafore," Gilbert and Sullivan opera, will be presented tomorrow night, May 24, in the Torrance high school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

This nineteenth century nautical play, dealing with love, conspiracy, and a dark secret, which, when revealed, brings happiness to all, is directed by Miss Clara Storrs, vocal teacher in the high school music department. The cast is drawn from the mixed choir and girls' glee club.

The orchestra is directed by Louis Sauter.

The cast of characters includes: The Right Honorable Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., Jack Blackmon; Captain Corcoran, Gene Foster; Dick Deadeye, Douglas Bodner; Boatswain, Ronald Hazelwood; Boatswain's Mate, Don Teske; Josephine, Naomi Edwards; Mary Ellen Crawford, Beverly Schmidt; Cousin Hebe, Diane Licht, Doreen Eaton; Mrs. Cripps (Buttercup), Winona Seaborn and Emogene Heid.

The chorus of sailors is composed of Norman Baker, Pete Dodos, Jack Flewelling, Harry Fulks, Ralph Jakubowski, Dean Douge, LeRoy Merkel, Ed Page, LeRoy Schwenk, Neal Silence, William Stanley, Jack Tolson, Robert Turner, Robert West and LeRoy Wright.

The chorus of relatives is played by Jean Brown, Carlotta Deap, Martha Dorris, Virginia Dykes, Olla Fernandez, Nellie Gray, June Johnstone, Mary Olive Jones, Pauline Leetz, Jean Lovelady, Mildred Malin, Theresa McIntier, Helena Moore, Wanda Moore, Betsy Morgan, Burna Morris, Dorothy O'Brien, Joan Pursell, Mary Lou Putnam, Audrey Rauk, Olwyn Richards, Shirley Rossiter, Sally Rugg, Shirley Saffen, Dorothy Sanders, Marian Schmidt, Betty Lou Sommers, Jean Swope, Violet Thompson, Barbara Tossas, Barbara Weeks, Wanda Welch and Anita Lee Wellman.

Pianists are Myrna Fossum and Nancy Ann Whyte. Other orchestra members are Shirley Antis, George Bodner, Bertie Coles, Jim Foster, Joyce Franzen, Marilyn Franzen, Don Fulton, Mervin Jarratt, Bill Maloy, Rich-

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Crenshaw Blvd., 182nd St. Crossing Scene Of Three Traffic Fatalities

Marking the first 1946 traffic fatalities in Torrance, three persons died Tuesday afternoon as a result of a collision between a coupe and a light panel delivery truck at the 182nd st. and Crenshaw boulevard intersection.

Stanley Goodson, local resident, lost his life at this corner last December in a two-car mishap.

Driver of the light coupe, Mrs. Kathryn Lodwick, 56, was killed instantly, police believe, and Mrs. Martin Black, 50, passenger of Mrs. Lodwick, later succumbed in the Torrance Memorial hospital. Both women lived in Wilmington at 912 and 914 Neptune ave.

Ora Lee Jackson Jr., 22, Los Angeles, recently discharged from the Navy and driver of the truck, was found crushed beneath five-gallon oil containers in his over-turned vehicle. Police officer D. C. Cook, who arrived upon the scene shortly after the accident, said Jackson apparently died instantly. The truck, owned by the California Jobbers, Inc., was completely demolished.

Jackson, it is believed, was traveling south on Crenshaw Blvd., and Mrs. Lodwick east on 182nd st., when the two machines collided.

Funeral services for Jackson will be conducted in the Stone and Myers chapel Saturday at 2 p. m. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Juanita Jackson, 211 S. Reno st., Los Angeles, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora L. Jackson, Sr., of Tulsa, Okla.,

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DEATH TOLL AT INTERSECTION RAISED TO FIVE . . . These vehicles came together Tuesday at the intersection of 182nd st. and Crenshaw Blvd. with an impact that resulted in the death of three persons. Marking the first traffic fatalities in Torrance this year, the scene was repetitious of the last fatal accident in Torrance, Dec. 23, 1945, when one person met death there. One previous fatal accident at this corner had occurred and the accident Tuesday definitely marks the intersection as "Death's Corner," in the opinion of police. Those who died in the accident Tuesday were Mrs. Martin Black and Mrs. Kathryn Lodwick, Wilmington, and Ora Lee Jackson Jr., Los Angeles. (Torrance Herald photo.)



APPEARING IN H.M.S. PINAFORE . . . Pictured above are members of the cast of H.M.S. Pinafore being presented at Torrance high school tomorrow night. Front row, left to right, Martha Dorris, a cousin; Douglas Bodner, Dick Deadeye; Emogene Heid, Buttercup; Eugene Foster, the Captain; Bill Johnson, Ralph Ruckshaw; Naomi Edwards, Josephine; Jack Blackmon, the Admiral; Diane Licht, Hebe; Ronald Hazelwood, Boatswain. Back row, left to right, Shirley Saffen, a cousin; Ralph Jakubowski, Norman Baker, Bill Stanley, Bob West, Leroy Merkel, Harry Fulks, Jack Tolson, Burna Moore, a cousin. (Photo by Homer Morgan.)